

Remarks

Claims 1, 6 – 18, and 22 – 62 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 18, 22, and 28 have been amended. Claims 2 – 5 and 19 – 21 have been cancelled. New claims 34 – 62 have been added.

The drawings stand objected to as failing to show reference 4 and showing reference 44 without mentioning reference 44 in the specification. Figures 1 and 3 have been corrected to show reference 4 and to remove reference 44. New formal drawings are submitted herewith.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 30, 31, and 33 stand rejected as being allegedly anticipated by Bischel et al. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 5 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 11, 13, 14, and 16 should be allowable as depending from what should now be an allowable claim. Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 19 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). Claims 20 and 21 have been cancelled. Claims 28, 30, 31, and 33 should be allowable as depending from what should now be an allowable claim 22 (claim 22 has been amended to be an independent claim incorporating the limitations of original claim 18, such as has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 28, 30, 31, and 33 is respectfully requested.

New claim 34 includes the limitations of original claims 1, 11, and 12 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). Claims 35 – 38 depend from claim 34.

New claim 39 includes the limitations of original claims 1 and 15 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). Claims 40 – 43 depend from claim 39.

New claims 44 – 46 depend from allowed claim 17.

New claims 47 – 49 depend from what should now be an allowable claim 18 (which should now be allowable as set forth above).

New claims 50 – 52 depend from what should now be an allowable claim 22 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter).

New claim 53 includes the limitations of original claims 18, 28, and 29 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). Claims 54 – 56 depend from claim 53.

New claim 58 includes the limitations of original claims 18 and 32 (which has been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter). Claims 59 – 62 depend from claim 58.

Consideration of new claims 34 – 62 are respectfully requested.

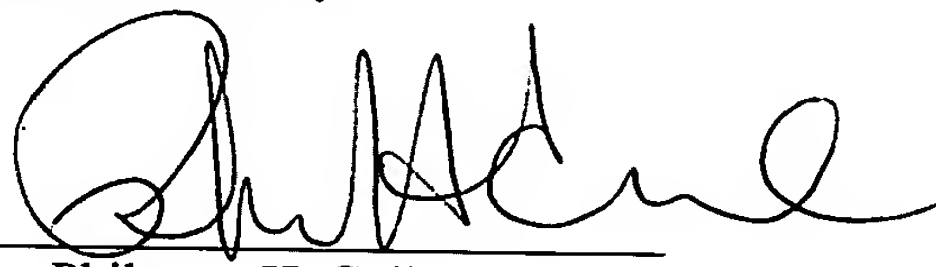
Accordingly, as the cited references neither anticipate nor render obvious that which the applicant deems to be the invention, it is respectfully requested that claims 1, 6 – 18, and 22 – 62 be passed to issue.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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